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BRIEF MENTION.

The high license law has gone into effect in New Mexico.
A site has been selected near Colfax, Wash., for a breeding farm to cost \$1,000,000.

Rev. Philip Brooks of Boston has been elected to succeed the late Bishop Paddock.
Professor Elliot of the Smithsonian University at Washington has resigned his position.
The Southern California citrus fair at Chicago has closed. It was a success financially and otherwise.

Chicago dispatch: Walter B. Maxwell of California was nominated for chief of the horticultural bureau by Director-General Davis.
A report by O. R. Clark, the expert who has been examining the oil fields at Enreka, Cal., says that the field is very extensive and valuable.

A strange disease has attacked horses in the vicinity of Mechanicville, O., which baffles the skill of veterinary surgeons. It resembles epizootic.
Inspector Byrnes of New York says he has caught "Jack the Ripper," the man who committed the horrible murder in that city recently. The prisoner is an Arab named John Frank.

The New York Central railroad has decided on civil service reform among its employees. The men connected with the operating and motor departments will soon be examined.
Pierce forest fires are reported from eastern New Jersey. The country was threatened for miles. The loss of timber alone will amount to \$100,000. Several towns narrowly escaped destruction.

The billiard match at Chicago for the shotstop championship, the \$500 stakes, the gate receipts and the emblem, between Eugene Carter and Napoleon Ives, resulted in a victory for Ives—500 to 408.
Frank Slavin knocked out Jim Daly in six seconds at New York. After the match Slavin said he did not claim the championship, but he would fight any man in the world for any amount of money.

American wheat and grain dealers may be interested to learn that cereals may be imported into Venezuela free of duty. This information is officially published in New York at the request of the consul general of Venezuela.
The Chinese government objected to receive Senator Blair as minister from the United States. Blair is now in Washington, and it is said on good authority that he will be appointed minister to Japan to succeed Swift.

The queen of the Hawaiian Islands, in a recent interview, said that if the new trade treaty is rejected by the United States government, California would be seriously affected, and that some other country would get the Hawaiian trade.
Arlington B. Barnes, son of a well-known citizen of Portland, went home home intoxicated and went to sleep on a sofa. He could not be aroused and died, his friends say of heart failure, but physicians say he died from some drug.

Thomas Madden of Tongareno, Kan., has just returned from Port Natal, South Africa, and a trip to the interior of the Dark Continent. He says that Stanley exaggerated many things, and that the missionaries do more harm than good.
Benjamin P. Hutchinson, better known as "Old Hatch," the Chicago wheat speculator, left that city unexpectedly and is now supposed to be in Florida. He left without settling any of his business affairs. He is said to be demoralized.

The largest opium seizure ever made in the United States was made at San Francisco a few days ago. Over half a ton of the drug was taken on board the steamer China. The value is estimated at \$25,000. The opium was packed and killed as crockery.
A Del Rio, Tex., special tells of a Mexican "Jack the Ripper," who visited the house of a Mexican woman named Sanchez, killed her and cut her body in pieces. After the butchery he wrote upon the wall with her blood, "Fresh meat for sale." The butcher has not been captured.

Galveston dispatch: The tide of wheat shipments to the seaboard has turned and is flowing to Galveston. A train of eighteen loaded cars of wheat arrived here from Sumner county, Kan., every car being fully decorated. It was shipped through the convenience of the tracks, and the citizens of Galveston visited the train and held a general celebration over the event of the first full train load of wheat taken to this port. More trains will follow.

The doctors in attendance on Rev. Dr. Bothwell of Brooklyn, who inhaled a pork, are overwhelmed with letters of advice how to remove the cork. One suggests electricity, acting through a wire inserted through the cork, heated by the current to make a hole; then another that a wire having a crooked end be inserted to extract the cork. Another suggests large doses of tartar emetic to produce copious vomiting. Many cranks call at the hospital to offer suggestions or appliances. The physicians think Bothwell cannot recover.

The controversy between Judge Carpenter of the United States district court at Boston and Gen. Ben Butler, culminating in the recent forcible ejection of the latter from the Federal court, has been revived by the state legislature of Massachusetts. A resolution has been introduced in the house calling for the interference of the state's attorney general, on the ground that the sovereignty of the state has been violated, inasmuch that a citizen of the United States, Mrs. Claretta Johnson, lately sentenced for perjury in a pension case, has been sentenced and imprisoned by order of a federal judge while her legal counsel had been forcibly prevented from representing her. The resolution causes much excitement and will lead to a legislative fight.

Guard Your Speech.
Elmer Young, an Oswego man, felt funny the other morning, and he said to Mrs. White, who was going to the grocery, "Trot along after your coal oil, sissey." She had him arrested, and the court decided that "sissey" was slander and gave her a verdict for \$50.—Detroit Free Press.

Her Changed Estate.
Mistress (to former servant)—Where are you living now, Bridget?
Bridget (haughtily)—Shure, miss, Oi don't live any more. Oi'm married.—Kate Field's Washington.

COAST NEWS.

Professor Le Conte, ex-president of university of California, is dead.
Secretary Rusk says that 25,000,000 acres of desert land in California can be made arable by irrigation.

The postoffice at Banyan, Lewis county, Wash., has been discontinued. Mail addressed thereto will be forwarded to Chelaha.
Charles Strana, a teamster, was instantly killed at Virginia, Nev. He was hauling a load of ore when the wagon upset and he was crushed.

The will of the late ex-Governor Waterman has been filed for probate at San Diego. The estate is valued at \$500,000 and is all bequeathed to relatives.
The Capital Locky club in meeting at Sacramento recently denounced the Blood Horse association of San Francisco for continuing their meeting after the date fixed to close.

The California State Agricultural society has a quantity of ramie roots in store which may be had for the asking. It is not yet too late for planting if the soil is good and moist.
The citizens of Monterey are going to present the cruiser Monterey with a silver service as a token of appreciation of the honor conferred upon that city in the selection of the name.

In the Olsen murder trial at Merced the defense is making strenuous efforts to prove an alibi. A number of witnesses have testified that they saw Olsen at La Grange the night Ivet was murdered.
John A. Carter, 65 years old, and his aged wife have just arrived at San Luis Obispo, Cal. They were too poor to pay their fare and came overland in a prairie schooner. They made the trip in about 150 days.

Sarah Bernhardt sailed from San Francisco for Australia on the steamer Monowai. She intends to enjoy the trip as she took eighty-one cases of wine and liquors. A large crowd assembled on the wharf to see her off.
Superintendent Porter of the census bureau, accompanied by A. L. Whitney and J. F. Plummer, capitalists, left Washington Monday for California. After visiting California they will go to Seattle, where they have in view certain investments.

Secretary Foster has fixed the maximum amount of seals which the Commercial company will be allowed to take during the coming season at 50,000. W. H. Williams has been appointed inspector in the customs service for duty at the seal islands the coming season.
The Pacific Navigation company's withdrawal from the Puget Sound Steamboat association has been the withdrawal of the Northern Pacific, were considered at a recent meeting of the association. A committee was appointed to settle these matters. The fate of the association is involved. Some of the competing boats will probably be taken off.

The Secretary of the interior has certified to the treasury department for the payment of the second installment of \$16,000 as California's share under the act of congress of Aug. 30, 1890, for a more complete endowment of the agricultural and mechanical colleges of that state. The second payment, under the same act, will be due and made payable sometime prior to Aug. 30, 1892.

The banquet tendered President Harrison at San Francisco was an interesting affair. The feature of the decorations of the banquet hall was simplicity and elegance. Music was discouraged during the dinner at the end of which speeches were made by Gen. Barnes, master of ceremonies, the president, Postmaster General Vannaman, Secretary Rusk and Congressman Cannon.

Solicitor General Taft has filed a brief in the United States supreme court in the ex parte matter of Jefferson Wilson involving the validity of a number of laws passed by the fifteenth territorial legislature of Arizona. The legislature was convened for sixty days and the laws which are questioned were passed after the sixty days expired. It is held that the laws passed after the expiration of sixty days were unconstitutional and void. Many of the most important laws of Arizona are involved in the question at issue.

San Francisco is about to lose a rich plum in the North Coast trade, that of Coos bay. Heretofore that city has enjoyed almost a monopoly of Coos bay's business, both in and out of port. Portland is reaching out for it with every prospect of success. The merchants of Portland have started to raise a subsidy of \$17,000 to insure Williams Bros. putting on a weekly steamer between Portland and Coos bay. Ten thousand dollars has already been subscribed and the remainder is expected to be in a few days.

A Port Townsend dispatch says: The Alaskan explorers, Wells and party, arrived here safe and sound. The expedition was sent out a year ago by Arkell and Harrison of Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper. Wells and his three associates had a thrilling experience last summer in the far interior of Alaska, barely escaping with their lives. One man, W. A. de Haas was left subsequently at a trading post, suffering from the effects of the journey. Those who returned are Dr. Howard Wells, the chief; A. B. Schanz, a scientist, and Frank Price.

Jack Smith, alias Lindsay, was caught by miners at Gilman, Wash., with a bottle of kerosene oil in his possession, acting in a suspicious manner near the hotel at that place. The miners believed that he had been hired by the coal company to create a prejudice against them and furnish a pretext for having guards there. They therefore seized him, tied a rope around his neck and swung him twice to the line at a tree. Smith confessed finally that a man named Brundage had sent him from Seattle to set fire to a building owned by Brundage. Smith was taken to Seattle and locked up.

The German Emperor and Speechmaking.
The following anecdote is related of the German emperor during his journey in the locomotive to Stettin. During the dinner on the table, Herr Habor, commander of commerce, rose, and was about to thank the emperor in the name of the merchants of Stettin for the interest which he had shown by his journey in the trade and communications of Stettin. The emperor noticed the intention and forestalled him by saying: "Dear counselor, let us leave this for today, otherwise I shall have to reply, and we are just now so jolly. Your health! Of course the speech remained unspoken."—London Tit-Bits.

ITEMS FOR OUR FARMERS.

Chickens, Fruit, Weighing Cattle, Mulching Berries, Sugar Beets.

Mr. D. O. Quick, of Suver, says that he has yearling prunes and peach trees in full bloom and that such a thing never occurred before to his knowledge. He ascribes it to the extremely open winter.
Smoke Banner cigars.

Wm. Fuqua, of Parker's, wishes to know the names of the different varieties of hops grown in the Willamette valley and which are the most suitable for the locality in which he lives. Being an amateur at the business he will be pleased if the farmers in the Willamette bottom or any other place will favor us by answering.

For sale, 350 head of sheep. Inquire at this office.
A subscriber writes: In the farmer's department last week it was stated that it costs 65 cents to raise a bushel of wheat. It has been repeatedly figured at by farmers and your informant, and 36 14-100 cents is the estimate made, and it was put down to 27 cents by a man near Monmouth. If wheat cost the enormous figure stated in last week's issue, farmers who rent their land would have to go out of business as they have been known to sell their crops for 31 cents per bushel.

Smoke the best on earth, the Banner cigar, for sale by Patterson Bros.

A report from the sugar refining of Watsonville, California, states that four and a half dollars per ton was paid for sugar beets and farmers found that while the yield of wheat on an acre returned only \$25, and sugar beets \$100, consequently they preferred to plant sugar beets, where they had suitable land. Sugar beet seed can be had of E. C. Pentland, of the board of trade at Independence and arrangements can be made for selling the sugar beets at Independence at three dollars per ton. One acre properly cultivated should yield twenty tons. Call on E. C. Pentland, and get particulars.

We notice a great many of our farmers are believers in mulching raspberry and blackberry vines. We suggest to all our readers the value of mulching. This mulching which, while straw is generally used, may be small branches of trees, weeds, grass from the lawn, etc., should not be put on until the dry season commences or if you are renewing your mulch which should be done each year, wait until about June first before doing so. In this connection we would call the attention of our readers to the statement made by Mr. J. Alexander, living near here, that off the small patch which he cultivated he sold over 300 gallons of berries last year.

Patterson Bros. keep the Royal Banner cigars; they are the best cigar made.
Farmers are very frequently called upon to sell cattle without weighing and the following rules will prove of value. In order to test their accuracy let a calculation be made and then verify it by weighing. Measure around the shoulders just behind the forequarters, to get the girth in inches, then measure from the square of the buttock to the shoulder blade. Multiply the two together and you have the number of square inches, which divide by 144 and you have the superficial feet. Cattle are graded according to their girth. Multiply the superficial feet as obtained by the foregoing rule, as follows: For cattle of a girth of 5 to 7 feet, multiply by 20 the number of pounds to the square foot. Cattle, 7 to 9 feet, by 31 pounds, cattle and calves, 3 to 5 feet, 16 pounds. For pigs, sheep, and all calves less than 3 feet allow 11 pounds to the square foot. To illustrate we give an example: Solution—76 inches girth multiplied by 63 inches length equals 4788 square inches, which multiply by 23 equals 110334 pounds, weight of steer. If the animal is in poor condition deduct 1-5 from above, and if very fat, add 1-5.

Mr. J. M. Staats, who raised and is the present owner of Jay M., a thorough-bred horse, a son of the celebrated Altamont, will be in Independence Thursday, Friday and Saturday of each week.

Mr. Lafe Laughery living on the Luckiamute, has quite an extensive henry, and he keeps everything about the hen houses as neat as a pin. Poultry to be successful on a large scale must be kept in colonies of about 50 birds each, for many more than that number in one house are apt to become diseased. Small flocks can be given better attention than larger ones and the first approach of disorder can be readily seen and promptly checked. His yard is divided so that while only one hen house is used, several colonies can roam separately. Being close to market he finds it pays to raise chickens for eggs alone, as eggs known to be fresh are always in good demand. Such birds as the white and brown leghorns, and birds bred from them, either pure or cross bred, or graded, as a basis, are egg producers, while a game cock is valuable to breed to common hens producing as a rule, vigorous active pullets which are invariably good layers. All hens over three years of age are only fit for marketing, as they produce few eggs after that. Crossing pure bred cocks with common hens is excellent, but "fancy poultry" is not profitable to any but those who make it a special business.